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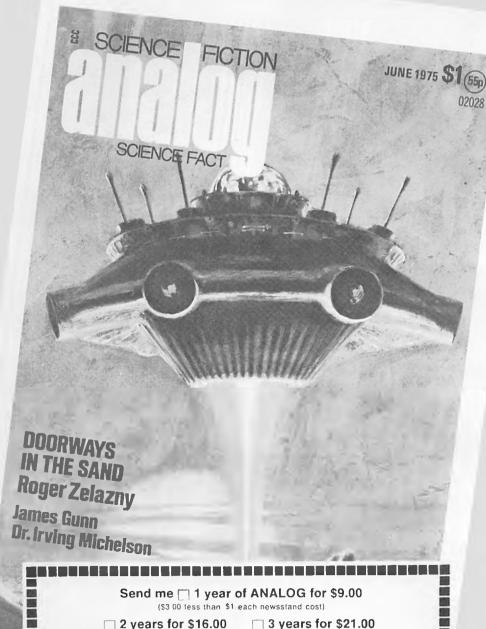
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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

About six years ago I started hearing about this Convention. At the time it was a flickering gleam in a few eyes — and now it is reality. The Convention is Australian, the organisers come from all over the continent, and the members from much wider afield. This must be the first of the 33 World Science Fiction Conventions where the attendees are outnumbered by supporting members, largely in other countries.

Let us acknowledge that the Convention would not have been possible without the overwhelming support of fans overseas — and we are pleased to welcome the foreign attendees to this first Worldcon outside North America and Western Europe.

Recent North American Worldcons have grown so large that they show signs of becoming self-defeating. Various solutions are proposed, such as limiting attendance to those registered in advance — but the sheer interest in science fiction surely deserves an open forum once a year, when there are so many regional and local conventions of a more intimate kind.

Here in Australia, with only two or three conventions of any size annually, the interest and enthusiasm can by gauged by the attendance at AUSSIECON. I hope some of it can be harnessed to create more and better local conventions in the future.

We would like to place on record our appreciation of the assistance granted by the Australian Council. The Council's Literature Board made it possible for Ursula Le Guin to be here as our Guest of Honour, and to lead the Science Fiction Writer's Workshop earlier this month. The Film, Radio and Television Board has enabled us to arrange the import of science fiction films otherwise unavailable in Australia.

#### Robin Johnson

Chairman, 33rd World Science Fiction Convention

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# SPECIALTHANKS

AUSSIECON would not have been possible without the freely given support of many people. In the past we have attempted to list the people who have in some way helped, but to do this adequately now would take more pages of this book than we have available.

So, to all those who supported us in both the early days of the bid and through the realisation of our dreams, to all who helped with our successful bid at TORCON, to our agents and supporters around the world, to those who have and will help in the running of the convention, and lastly to our most important asset, our members, we offer our special thanks. Have a good convention!

## TUCKER FUND

A special fund was set up to raise money to send well known science fiction fan and author Wilson (Bob) Tucker to Aussiecon. As with TAFF and DUFF, money for this fund was subscribed by fans both as cash and as material donated for auction.

The short time that this fund took to reach the target is a tribute to Bob's popularity, and we are glad that he will be with us here at AUSSIECON.

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The Down Under Fan Fund, DUFF, was started in 1972. The aim of this fund is to encourage closer ties between Australian and North American fandom by bringing fans across the Pacific. DUFF was based on the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund, TAFF, which since 1955 has provided funds to enable well known European and North American fans to travel to major conventions across the Atlantic.

Like TAFF, DUFF exists solely through the generosity of fans. Candidates in each DUFF "race" are voted on by interested fans all over the world, and each vote is accompanied by a donation of several dollars, at least. These votes and the continuing interest of fans make DUFF possible.

The 1972 winner was Lesleigh Luttrell. She attended the Australian SF Convention in Sydney, and travelled south to Melbourne and Adelaide fannish hospitality before returning to the U.S.A.

In 1974, aussie fan Leigh Edmonds was the DUFF winner. Leigh travelled to Discon II, the world convention held in Washington, D.C., and was able to sample the famed American fannish hospitality on his trip home.

In 1975, the competition was again to bring a fan to Australia to attend this convention. The winner was Rusty Hevelin, who will doubtless give you details of DUFF at the convention if you can catch him when not talking to his many friends.

## QUEST OF HONOUR URSULFIK LE QUIT



Ursula K. Le Guin is a deceptively quiet individual. In the four years I have known her, I have never heard her raise her voice. This is an accomplishment worthy of special note. because during three weeks of those four years, she presided over the University of Washington's Science Fiction Writers' Workshop, an experience quaranteed to reduce almost anyone to raving mania. But neither a week's stay in a dormitory quest room with the approximate measurements and light level of the bottom of a well, nor the sight of one of the stranger members of our class waving - upside down - through the window of her second-floor sitting room shook Ursula's aplomb.

She does not need to raise her voice. Her quietness comes from the serenity

Illustration: Henk Pender

of a person self-assured in her careers. her abilities, her life, without the vanity that "self-assurance" so often implies. She is one of the few writers around who is able to talk undefensively about a piece of her own work in terms of its flaws, rather than insisting a story is finished, untouchable, and perfect. While lesser writers may refuse to acknowledge the validity of any criticism, viewing it as a personal attack. Ursula not only discusses it, but shows in her response that she has considered the subject herself, ususally in even greater depth than the critic. I think this is because she recognises the ability to dissect one's own work for what it is: an indication of growth and of the potential for continued growth as writer and as artist.

The flaws in her writing, however, are rare. Much more evident are the

brilliance of prose and conceptualization, the characterization (so often lacking in traditional science fiction), the substance and consistency of her settings. Joanna Russ once observed that Ursula Le Guin has evolved as a novelist with frightening speed. Her first work was published barely fifteen vears ago: it was of high quality to start with, and each novel in succession is of even higher quality, seemingly by an order of magnitude every time. Where the progression will lead from here no one - perhaps not even Ursula - can say. As a reader, I anticipate: as a writer. I marvel.

Ursula's work has been honored by audience and professionals alike. Her awards include three Hugos (for The Left Hand of Darkness, The Word for World is Forest, and "The Ones Who Walk away from Omelas"), three Nebulas (for Left Hand of Darkness. The Dispossessed, and "The Day before the Revolution"), the Boston Globe/Hornbook Award (for A Wizard of Earthsea), and the National Book Award for Children's Literature (for The Farthest Shore). To anyone who has not read Ursula's three Wizard of Earthsea books, I recommend them without reserve. Like all the best children's books, the ones that are loved and become classics, they are as enjoyable for adults as for children.

And Ursula is as fine a teacher as she is a writer. "Teacher" is perhaps not the most accurate word (there may be no accurate word); as James Sallis has said, "Thus far, we have not demonstrated that writing can be taught, only that it may be learned." During Ursula's weeks at the workshop, people wrote, and worked, and learned, for she is adept at providing situations in which learning is most possible.

Any educators in the audience, please note: she calls the situations "games."

Possibly the most successful — certainly the most memorable — was the construct game. When the players arrived in Ursula's sitting room one afternoon, they were confronted by a Thing. This Thing included the ceiling lamp, the rug, pieces of string, several ash trays, twigs, wires, bottle tops, bits of plastic. The assignment: to use it in a story.

At least three of the pieces written that day were saleable and have since appeared in print. It's interesting to note that by the time the stories were finished no construct bore much resemblance to the one inhabiting Ursula's suite, and none — construct or story — resembled any other. Like any good game, the Thing was a tool to interest the imagination.

Ursula left the construct in her room as a gift for Harlan Ellison, whose week followed hers that year. Now, during workshops, Harlan has withstood dormitory food, and audiences which would not let him leave for four and a half hours, a strange creature named Ygor, an even stranger creature named Buntho, a stint in a ditch as the Dauphin of France everything, in fact, from a gargoyle raid across the roof of four-storey Hansee Hall to my flourescent chartreuse socks. But when he arrived, wilted (as opposed to "fresh") from two weeks of New York City and one week of Michigan during a highhumidity heat wave, he took one look at the Thing lurking in his quarters, groaned, and went to bed for twelve hours.

Sometimes Ursula overwhelms even the most imaginative of us.

#### Vonda N. McIntyre

Adapted from the introduction to "From Elfland to Poughkeepsie" by Ursula K. Le Guin, Pendragon Press, Oregon, 1973. (second edition in preparation).

# SUSAN WOOD

Susan was born in Ottawa, Canada's capital. After attending public and secondary schools there—she studied at Carleton University, where she obtained both a B.A. degree and an M.A., majoring in Canadian Literature.

In May this year she successfully defended her thesis to gain her Ph.D. degree in Toronto.

While at university she sent numerous briefs to the English Department demanding a science fiction course be set up, finally gave up in disgust and organized one of her own. She also wrote, at this time, an Honours paper on Asimov and Stapledon.

She was a member of the University Science Ficiton Club and attended numerous regional science fiction conventions, including the 1969 BOSKONE, where she met for the first time the Good Doctor Asimov and became acquainted with Mike Glicksohn, her future husband. The 1969 St. LOUISCON was her first Worldcon and she did her stint for FAN FAIR II, the very successful Toronto regional convention of 1970.

On the week-end following FAN FAIR II she married Mike and moved to Toronto. While Mike attended the College of Education Susan worked on her Ph.D. thesis, helping with ENERGUMEN and publishing her own personalzine ASPIDISTRA, devoted to ecology and social commentary.

Susan joined the Toronto in '73 Worldcon bidding committee when it was set up, working on the advertising campaign at first. Later, after the bid won by default, she and Mike both had to resign so ENERGUMEN could run for the Hugo Award for the best fanzine. Despite this she originated the idea of the "All Our Yesterdays" room celebrating fannish history, and organised that very successful highlight of TORCON II, a big credit to her ability.

In the late Northern spring of 1973 when the pressures of living became rather great, Susan and Mike decided they "co-existed" better as friends rather than as husband and wife, so they separated. Susan was now actively job-hunting, and found she had to look outside Toronto.

Immediately after TORCON II, where ENERGUMEN, by then jaded after 15 immaculate issues, duly won the Hugo, Susan went West. She had finally been offered a job at the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan, teaching Canadian Literature and running a science fiction course.

During 1974 she completed writing her doctoral thesis that she had started in Toronto, and took time off to pick up the fan-writer Hugo at DISCON II, largely for her personal-zine AMOR. Much of 1975 has been spent fighting off the jinx which threatened to prevent the typing of the thesis, luckily not permanently.

Susan is now contributing regular columns to AMAZING magazine as well as continuing to produce AMOR.

She has accepted a new job at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, defended her thesis in Toronto, and now might be addressed as Professor Doctor Wood. She has

joined a Vancouver in '78 bid, survived a hectic move, and will be found at AUSSIECON making many more Australian friends to add to those she has made on paper and in person already.

 P.B. Rodyk and John Millard with thanks to John Douglas, Peter Gill and Rosemary Ullyot.



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## 4911 (JUEST OF HONOUR VICHAEL (ILICKS

"It's a Fan... It's a Pro... No... it's only the Boy Wonder!"

Introduce Michael Glicksohn? Me?

One might as well ask Dick Lupoff to introduce Ova Hamlet ... John W. Camp have been that I'd better things to do. Campbell to introduce Don A. Stuart ... Dick Geis to introduce Alter ... One might as well ask that Michael Glicksohn himself introduce Garner R. Dubious. For you see, if the truth be told. Michael Glicksohn is merely a product of my fevered imagination ... an imagination that is somewhat overblown in concept, but a little short in the execution.

But let me tell you about Michael Glicksohn, anyway . . .

Michael was a British subject until shortly before TORCON II when. faced with the choice of becoming a Canadian citizen or being deported. he chose the former mainly (it is rumored) because his fondness for a close proximity to a certain elixir — India Pale Ale - far outweighed any nationalistic loyalty to his homeland. Thus did England's loss become America's loss.

But enough about Michael, the Goodwill Ambassador.

I first began having these nightmares when I was about four year old, which would make Michael about twentyeight. But it was a fragile and undeveloped figment until he made his first public appearance at the TRICON in

1966. Even then he wasn't much more than a fragment, and I must confess that I didn't recognise my own creation: that may have been because he was not only beardless, but quite possibly hatless - or it may simply

But enough about Michael, the Teen-Age Idol.

By profession. Michael is a high school mathematics teacher. There are several theories as to why he chose this line of work. Most aren't printable; the rest aren't even interesting. At first I thought it was because his fanzines have always exhibited evidence of the "connect-the-numbers" drawings found in children's colouring books. More recently though, I have come to the conclusion that he simply has an eye for figures. Preferably female

But enough about Michael, Shaper of Young Minds,

In the interim between folding DOUBLE: BILL and starting OUT-WORLDS (obligatory commercial), I had some spare time on my hands, and started a small personalzine called ENERGUPERSON, However, I soon became involved in charting the nature of American Politics (see my forthcoming article: "Don't Blame Me. , , I Voted for McGovern!") and didn't have time for such amateur foolishness. So I turned it over to show him the Road to the Enchanted Duplicator, I told him to check the local travel club, or try Don Lundry. Well, he took my advice, and with the

aid of your other delightful Fan GOH, Professor Wood, produced 15 superb issues of ENERGUMEN. (Incidently, NERG has secured its niche in Fandom's Hall of Trivia: it is the only fanzine financed by Canadian Grant money ever to win a Hugo.)

But enough about Michael, Big-Time, Big-Deal Fanpublisher.

Burp!

But enough about Michael, Big-Time, Big-Deal Imbiber.

(Actually, I've figured out his seemingly incredible capacity for beverages alcoholic: hidden beneath that bushy beard is a ten-gallon cask, which he cheerfully fills at conventions, and just as cheerfully sells to petrol-starved U.S. citizens afterwards.)

But enough about Michael, the Legendary (well, sortta) Boy Wonder of SF Fandom.

Ladies, gentlemen, koalas (and you too, Eric Lindsay), I give you one half of your Fan Guest of Honour:

He's a short, stubby little person, he could do with a shave and a trim...

and he's likely to make crude unwarranted remarks about parentage should you happen to mention my name in his presence. But I've gone on long enough about this short subject (well, maybe not that short: he can meet Harlan eye-to-eye):

Michael Glicksohn. . .

Good things do come in small packages. He's fun to be around, and he'll give you many hours of pleasurable conversation. He's my friend, I say that with pride, and I know that you'll enjoy meeting him.

(In closing, might I request that you remember which half of your Fan Guest of Honour I have given you? You may keep him if you like, with our compliments. But you will, of course, eventually return the other half — Daughter Susan — to the Northern Hemisphere. . .? Thank you.)

And Michael. . . if they won't have you, certainly we'll take you back.

Just remember. . . Michael, row the boat ashore.

Bill Bowers



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# AUSTRALIAN QUEST OF HONOUR DONALD & TUCK

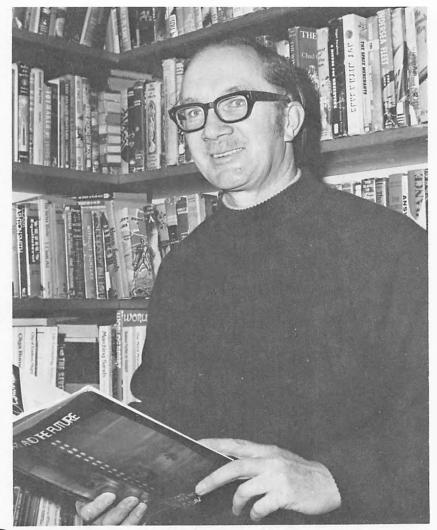


Photo: Don Tuck

Tasmania? Oh, you're kidding me. What would a Science Fiction fan be doing in Tasmania?

Well, I think it's safe to assume that he'd be doing exactly the same as the rest of us. Donald Tuck puts in his eight hours at the office, then hurries home to his wife Audrey, and his son Marcus.

His neighbors think this is an average family. After all, they seem to be normal. Audrey cooks, keeps house, etc. Marcus collects stamps. But Donald does get an awful lot of packages and all that funny foreign mail.

The neighbors never suspect what goes on at night after the shades are drawn.

Marcus is building more book boxes that will slide under the bed. The shelves are full, the closets are full, there are books stacked behind the couch, the attic is crammed. Audrey has found a corner of the sink bare and is brewing a pot of tea before it fills up again. Meanwhile Don is sitting in the corner, scribbling notes with his right hand and sorting file cards with his left hand.

The demon bibliographer is at work again.

Born a few years before the Great Depression Don early acquired a taste for the strange and fantastic. He collected everything in sight and after a stint in World War Two went at it heavier than ever. I met him by mail sometime in the late '40's when he wrote and said, "I'm looking for some USA magazines but the government doesn't approve and they'll have to come through the back door over in New Zealand."

He had the flame burning in him. He would compile an Encyclopedia of all the available information on science fiction and fantasy. I'd seen a hundred

fans try this and fail but I thought I'd humor him anyway! It didn't seem so funny when he really produced his HANDBOOK in 1954 and the fans loved it. Then in 1959 he produced a second edition (in two volumes). Personally I thought this was sufficient accomplishment for a lifetime of work and he could rest on his laurels, but I knew he was producing a third edition for Advent: Publishers.

As I write this, reviewers and librarians are raving over Volume One and Volume Two is nearing the presses.

I want to tell you it's been thirty years well spent,

Look for Don at the convention. He'll be easy to find. That's him over there in the corner with a pencil in each hand. He's teaching himself to write with both hands simultaneously so he can keep up with our expanding field.

Howard DeVore

# TEDUCTOUT OF TENEDUCT

In 1975 Howard DeVore again manages the SF-Fantasy Short Story Competition for N3F. Stories to 5,000 words, by people who have not written more than two published stories in the genre, are eligible for the cash prizes. Prizes do not buy publication rights, so any sale means the author only gets the money for the sale.

Write Howard for entry forms which have space for name of author, title of story, and the rules. On manuscript you put title only, with author's name and address on entry form. Make sure manuscript is in Howard's hand by October 31:

Howard DeVore Story Contest 4705 Weddel Dearborn Heights MI 48125, USA

Correspondence is a key activity in the whole of fandom, and also in the National Fantasy Fan Federation. We have the Correspondence Bureau and a Round Robin section for group correspondence, and a letterzine where members can exchange views and information — and news, too.

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Our club includes interests for collectors, readers and active fans. Dues are \$3.75 at AUSSIECON to the end of 1976. We welcome enquiries and memberships. Write:

Janie Lamb Secretary/Treasurer National Fantasy Fan Federation Rt. 1, Box 364, Heiskell TN 36654, USA.

# TOASTMASTER JOHN BANGSUND

John Bangsund is not the sort of man who, as the saying goes, has to stand up twice to cast a shadow. In fact, lying prone at noon on Midsummer's Day he would put a few people in the shade.

John has been actively involved in science fiction fandom for about a decade now, and in that time has participated in all the activities one might expect of an eager reader of sf — writing stories, articles, reviews. Drawing cartoons, publishing magazines and at least one book. He has

John Bangsund (and John Foyster) at Eastercon, 1970

—cartoon by John Bangsund from the *Somerset Gazette*.

attended conventions, where he has not been the slightest unsettled by the occasional barb directed at his rotund person.

But John is *not* an eager reader of sf. It is rather the case that, having some interest in science fiction, he made friends with people who were dedicated readers. These friends had weird ideas of all kinds, but not the ability to arrange the realisation of those ideas. Out of friendship, John helped, which usually meant doing it all himself.

And in helping his friends in their sf activities John sometimes found himself involved in their personal lives—and again he helped, when it was possible.

John has probably spent thousands of dollars on science fiction fandom, mainly for the benefit of others. It is fitting that perhaps there will be some recompense for him in seeing this world convention take place, for with Andrew Porter he must bear the responsibility of being a first begetter.

John's wit, both with word and pictures, is well known around the world. Fortunately, some of his friends from overseas will now have the opportunity to meet him in person, and to discover his other virtues.

Like his generosity, without which this testimonial would not be possible.

- John Foyster 11.6.1975

Tuck, Donald H., compiler. The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction and Fan tasy—A Bibliographic Survey of the Fields of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Weird Fiction Through 1968; Volume 1: Who's Who, A-L. Chicago Advent, 1974. xii + 286 pp. \$20.00. LC 73-91828. ISBN 0-911682-20-1

#### MOST OF THE CRITICS LIKED IT—

The good work of establishing the toundations of science fiction bibliography and reference has been most effectively carried out up to the present moment by fan compilers and fan publishers. One of the best such works has been Donald H. Tuck's A Handbook of Science Fiction and Fantasy, self-published in Hobart, Tasmania. The most recent edition appeared in 1959 in two legal-size mimeographed paper-bound volumes.

Now the first volume of a new edition he appeared from Advent, calling itself *The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction and Fantasy* and deserving the title. It is a large hardcover book, handsomely bound and printed in double columns. More information is contained in the new first volume than in the entirety of the previous edition....

This book is both a culmination and a first step. It is easily the broadest, most ambitious and most professionally conceived and executed work of science fiction scholarship and publishing that we have ever seen. It will necessarily become a standard library reference tool. It is an epitome of fan publishing, so significant that we wonder if Advent will be able to publish it and remain the same Sunday-afternoon publisher they have been.

At the same time, it is partial and incomplete. We have here only the first of three volumes, covering work only through 1968.

Even in its evident incompleteness, however, the *Encyclopedia* is a treasure. If you have an interest in sf, you will find it well worth its price. Buy it, or ask your library to buy it.

-Alexei and Cory Panshin, The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction, December 1974.

... In short the Encyclopedia is an awesome work of reference and enjoyment and it is the fruit of over 20 years labour by the compiler, made all the more remarkable because for all of that time he has lived in Tasmania, hardly the centre of the science fiction world.

There's simply no argument; anyone who takes their SF seriously (and most readers do) must have this book. Sell your shirt, pawn your watch, and buy it.

22 —Peter Weston, Science Fiction Monthly

... Like other Advent books, it is sturdily bound; the layout is the best I've seen from Advent. The Encyclopedia will be a necessity in almost all academic libraries and in medium- and large-sized high school and public libraries; scholars and collectors will want it too.

= Fred Lerner, SFRA Newsletter, No. 32

pages, covers authors whose names begin with letters from A through L. Tuck calls it "Who's Who and Works." Volume II, scheduled for 1976, will cover M through Z and include an invaluable listing by title.... Volume III (1977) will have accounts of the SF and weird/fantasy magazines, including many borderliners, plus a paperback listing, plus a directory of pseudonyms, plus a breakdown of connected series and stories (such as the Heinlein "Future History" and Poul Anderson's vast tapestry), and a section on publishers, outstanding films, fanzines, and a big "efectera."

... For novels, the encyclopedia begins with 1945, where [the Bleiler and Dikty "Checklist of Fantastic Literature"] stopped, and comes up through 1968... It picks up some older books that the "Checklist" missed ... but it does no really dig into the past, unless a book has beer reprinted in the 1945-1968 era. It includes many foreign-language editions.

Coverage of collections and anthologies is a good deal more complete, and will make the en cyclopedia worth its price to many students and collectors. Tuck has ferreted out lists of the contents of 1550 one-author collections and 950 an thologies, some going back to the 1890's. The "Who's Who" includes paperback editions of major books; Volume III will list many more tha aren't major. You also get, for many, many entries, capsule descriptions of a book, and othe relevant data.

... If Tuck rests on his laurels—and afte twenty years or more (much more) he coulhardly be blamed—who will, who can carry o from 1968? He and Advent both ask for corrections and omissions. Somebody is going to try

-P. Schuyler Miller, Analog Science Fiction / Sc ence Fact, August 1974

Lika oumbärlig för varje SF-samlare som den samska bibliografin i början är ock Donald J. Tucks THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY THROUGH 1968..., nu utkommen med sin första del av blivande tre. För australiske Don är en av världens absoluta superfans, och detta är hans magnum opus, en väldig vidareutveckling av hans många tidigare bibliografier.

-Roland Adlerberth, Jules Verne-Magasinet, 354

... Science fiction buffs already know this work well, by reputation at least, although not all may be fortunate enough to have seen a copy. First issued in 1954 in a duplicated edition entitled A Handbook of Science Fiction, revised and enlarged in 1959, it is a classic in its own time and is probably the most comprehensive reference work on science fiction and fantasy ever attempted. The earlier editions, now virtually unobtainable, are collectors' items.

 $-Mary\ Jo\ Walker,\ American\ Reference\ Books\ Annual,\ 1975$ 

### -WITH ONE MAJOR EXCEPTION:

This is the book which . . . Alexei Panshin in Fantasy and Science Fiction [has] called a "treasure." Science-fiction has few enough of them: we could certainly use another. Let's have a look at it.... Avram Davidson, he will be happy to know, has had a number of his works translated, "especially into German." (Perhaps this is too obscure to pass without explanation: Davidson has quit two agents and three publishers that I know of for authorizing German editions of his work . . . Davidson for private and deeply-held reasons despises everything Germanic and has tried to publicize this as much as possible. Is this line stupid or malicious?) . . . . It is possible that this volume may have some bibliographic value: the tables of contents for anthologies and the bibliographies of the major writers appear, for instance, to be strikingly complete. The question still remains: who is it for? . . . It might be for the casual reader in the field who would appreciate some biographical information on writers

along with a list of their works, all of it available under one heading . . . but the biographies are so inaccurate as to render useless the other information provided. Bad information, where I come from, is worse than no information at all .... Where the Encyclopedia is not superficial it slides into fatuity. I just don't think that this is a good or helpful job . . . . I think that science-fiction deserves either nothing at all or something far better. . . . The pity is that this is a job which the field—which despite all my bitching I obviously love very much-needs desperately and which could and should have been done right . . . but Tuck has killed the market for at least twenty years. . . . And what, pace Panshin, are Charles E. Fritch or Martin Gardner doing in a book which excludes Wyman Guin and Mirjam Allen De Ford?

-Barry Malzberg, Science Fiction Review, No. 12

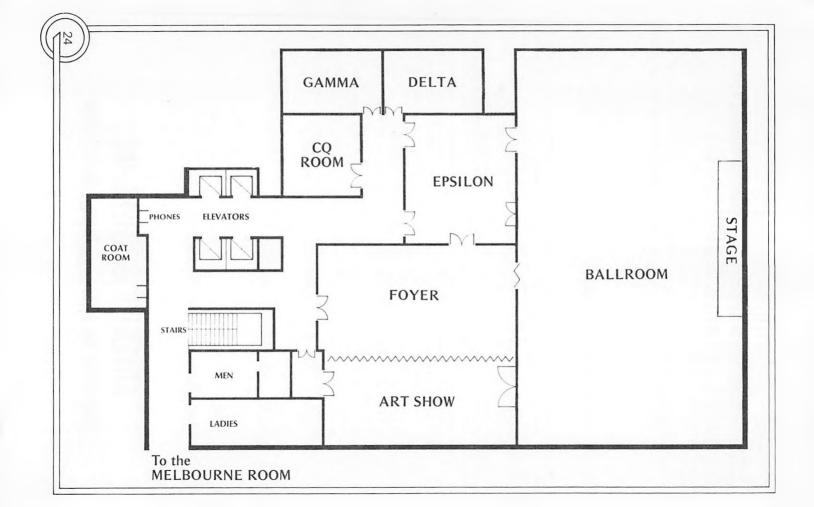
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## THE SOUTHERN CROSS HOTEL

- The plans show the mezzanine floor of the Southern Cross Hotel. This area is entirely devoted to AUSSIECON for the duration of the Convention.
- 2. The Melbourne Room, down the corridor to the left at the top of the stairs, is used for the Publishers' Display. The main programme occurs in the Ballroom. The Foyer and the Epsilon Room (much of the time) are available for registration and notice boards, socialising and chat, so as not to disturb the enjoyment of the programme items. Certain programme items of more limited interest may take place in the Epsilon Room, or the State Suite on the 15th. floor.
- 3. The CQ Room, known to the hotel as the Alpha Room, is where you go with your problems. There will always be a committee person in attendance, and if you want a display space, a room share, or to locate someone, help is at hand.
- 4. The Art Show can only be entered by passing a guard, who is there for the protection of our exhibitors and their work. We ask that no-one eat, drink or smoke in the Art Show Room. Don't let this deter you there could be something you cannot live without there and the Auction will be held there on Sunday.
- 5. The film programme, which has been assisted by the Film Radio & Television Board of the Australia Council, is the subject of a separate leaflet. Some films will be shown in the Ballroom after the end of the day's main programme, while daytime screenings take place at the Playbox Cinema, 55 Exhibition Street. This is about one block north, across Collins Street.
- 6. A cash bar will be set up much of the time in the Foyer. Apart from the Banquet on Saturday, for which \$8 tickets may be bought until a time to be announced on Saturday morning, there are no meals available available in the Mezzanine Floor. The Hotel

is in process of setting up a new Coffee Shop on the Lobby level, (Exhibition St.) next to the Club Grill, but at the time of writing the Coolibah Room on the Plaza (Bourke St.) level serves as a Coffee Shop as well as fully-licensed restaurant.

- 7. The other Plaza levels cateries include the Stable Bar (good cheap counter lunch and tea among racing memorabilia) and the Tavern (set lunch on weekdays). The hotel bottle (liquor) shop also sells soft drinks on this level. For details of opening times, etc, see the separate leaflet.
- 8. We want you to have a good time, and while we hope there will be no problems, we ask for your understanding with any that may arise. Please feel free at any time to ask the committee person in the CQ Room to help with any problem.

## WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Early in August, eighteen unpublished science fiction writers attended a residential science fiction writers' workshop led by AUSSIECON Guest of Honour, Ursula Le Guin.

The writers attending the workshop were selected by Ms Le Guin after submitting stories for her consideration. Hopefully, they will be able to tell us at the Convention how they developed these and other stories during their week in the Dandenong Ranges.

The workshop was organised in conjunction with the AUSSIE-CON by Bruce Gillespie. We are very grateful to the Literature Board of the Australia Council for their assistance both with the workshop and in bringing Ursula Le Guin to Australia.

It is likely that other workshops will be held. For details see Bruce Gillespie at the Convention or write to him at the AUSSIECON address.

## PROGRAMME

The programme given here will be subject to later revision after the closing date for this book. A detailed programme will be available at the Convention, and changes will be announced there. Details of items not on the floor programme will also be available at the convention.

#### THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1975

10.00 am	Main Ballroom	Registration opens
2.00 pm	Main Ballroom	Official Opening of 33rd World Science Fiction Convention by Race Mathews, MP
2.30 pm	Main Ballroom	How To Really Enjoy Yourself At This Convention: Past Masters tell you how it's done (and how to survive!)
3.30 pm	Main Ballroom	New Directions In Science Fiction
4.30 pm	Main Ballroom	Meet The Writers: Your chance to buy your favourite writer a drink.
8.00 pm	Main Ballroom	Guest of Honour –Introduction to and speech by Ursula Le Guin
9.00 pm	Main Ballroom	From Here — Where? The science in our future. Prediction from current scientific knowledge
10.30 pm	Main Ballroom	Movies. Programme available at the Convention

### FRIDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1975

10.00 am	State Suite	Preliminary Business Session
11.00 am	Main Ballroom	The Role Of Sheep In Science Fiction - Whither the Woolmark in the future?
12.00 noon	Main Ballroom	ABC Science Fiction
3.00 pm	Main Ballroom	Talking To My Friends. A discussion by Australian fanzine editors on how (and why) they do it.
4.00 pm	Main Ballroom	ESP An investigation by Damien Broderick
5.00 pm	Main Ballroom	The Tucker Bag. Bob Tucker, this is your life?
8.00 pm	Main Ballroom	Masquerade. Presentation and judging with suitable comic relief
10.30 pm (approx.)	Main Ballroom	Movies. Programme available at the Convention

SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1975				
10.00 am	State Suite	Business Session		
	Main Ballroom	Teaching Science Fiction. A discussion of the formal and informal approaches to a study of science fiction		
11.00 am	Main Ballroom	Worlds I Have Visited — Fantasy. Our Guest of Honour, Ursula Le Guin, talks with a group of people with interest in and a knowledge of fantasy.		
2.30 pm	Main Ballroom	Myths and Legends In Science Fiction. A discussion of the influence of myths and legends, directly and indirectly, on science fiction writing		
3.30 pm	Main Ballroom	Plumbers Of The Cosmos. A critical appreciation of science fiction and science ficiton writers		
4.30 pm	Main Ballroom	Robert Silverberg — Selected Readings. A selection from his award winning work, chosen and read by the author		
8.00 pm	Main Ballroom	Hugo Awards Banquet. Presentation of the Science Fiction Achievement Awards for 1974		
10.30 pm (approx.)	Main Ballroom	<b>Movies.</b> Programme available at the Convention		
SUNDAY,	17TH AUGUST,	1975		
10.00 am	Main Ballroom	Bidding Session. Determination of the site for the 35th World Science Fiction Convention to be held in 1977		
11.30 pm	Main Ballroom	Science Fiction And The Media. An examination of the treatment given to science fiction by film, radio and television.		
2.00 pm	Main Ballroom	Science Fiction Art. A discussion of the art that has developed in association with science fiction		
3.00 pm	Main Ballroom	It's Only Science Fiction, But We Like It. A nostalgic look at the golden days when science fiction really had a sense of wonder.		
4.00 pm	Main Ballroom	The Life And Hard Times Of A Science Fiction Author. Writers describe the effort it takes to produce the stories you read		
5.00 pm	Main Ballroom	Closing Ceremony. The end, officially, until Kansas City in 1976. Suitable ceremonials		

Following

Location to be announced

Pie Night. Typical Australian delicacies for the delight of our visitors from far and near

#### MONDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1975

Ballarat Trip. A slow, relaxing trip by train to round off the Convention. Details available from the Committee at the Convention.

## 34TH WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

In 1976, the WorldCon will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, USA. The MidAmeriCon promises to be one of the largest WorldCons ever, and the Convention Committee is discouraging "at the door" memberships by increasing membership rates as the date of the Convention nears. The message is 'join early'!

Eric Lindsay, MidAmeriCon's Australian agent, will be taking memberships at AUSSIECON. After AUSSIECON details will be available either (in Australia) from Eric Lindsay, 6 Hillcrest Avenue, Faulconbridge, NSW 2776, or direct from MidAmeriCon, PO Box 221, Kansas City, MO 64146, USA.

Robin Johnson is investigating the possibility of a group flight from Australia to Kansas City. Contact him if you are interested.

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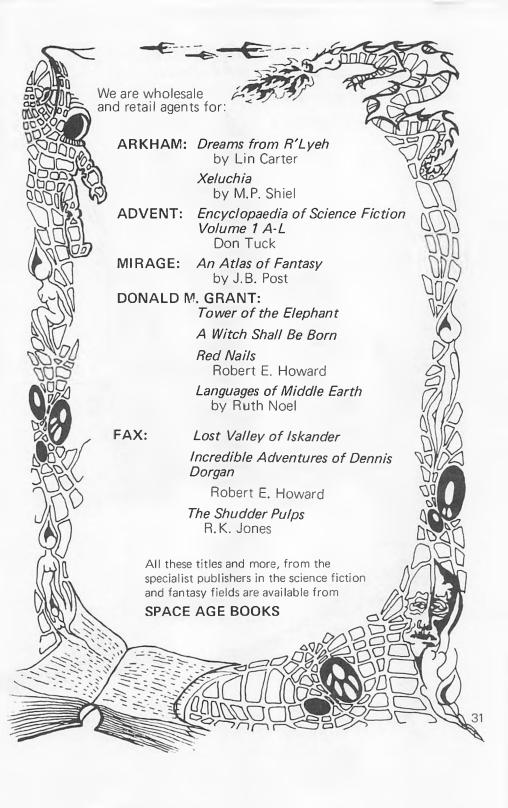
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AUSSIECON is the Thirty-third World Science Fiction Convention. This convention is the first Worldcon to be held in the southern hemisphere and only the fourth to be held outside North America.

The information below on previous Worldcons has been revised based on information supplied by Bob Tucker, Forry Ackerman and Fred Patten. Fred is writing a Worldcon History for Mid American which will give considerably more detail than possible here.

In this list **GoH** has been used as an abbreviation for Guest of Honour. The attendances listed are approximate, and are based on the number of fans registered as attending, current newszine reports and individual records kept by fans. Where possible an estimate of total attendance (including those not registered) has been used. No attempt has been made to show changes occuring before the convention to the listed positions.

The Science Fiction Achievement Awards, for Hugos, were first awarded in 1953 and have been awarded at each Worldcon since 1955. Other awards (such as the John Campbell Award) added in recent years and voted by the convention membership have also been shown.

### **Previous Worldcons**

1939	Nycon I	New York	Chairman
	Attendance 200	GoH Frank R. Paul	Sam Moskowitz
1940	Chicon I Attendance 128	Chicago GoH Edward E. Smith, Ph.D.	Chairman Mark Reinsberg
1941	Denvention Attendance 90	Denver GoH Robert A. Heinlein	Chairman Olon Wiggins
1946	Pacificon I Attendance 130	Los Angeles GoH A.E. Van Vogt & E. Mayne Hull	Chairman Walt Daugherty
1947	Philcon I Attendance 200	Philadelphia GoH John W. Campbell Jr.	<b>Chairman</b> Milton Rothman
1948	Torcon I Attendance 200	Toronto GoH Robert Bloch (pro) Bob Tucker (fan)	Chairman Ned McKeown
1949	Cinvention Attendance 190	Cincinnati GoH Lloyd A. Eshbach (pro) Ted Carnell (fan)	Chairman Don Ford
1950	NORWESCON Attendance 400	Portland  GoH Anthony Boucher	Chairman Donald B. Day
1951	Notacon	New Orleans	Chairman
.001	Attendance 190	GoH Fritz Leiber	Harry B. Moore
1952	10th Worldcon Attendance 870	Chicago GoH Hugo Gernsback	Chairman Julian C. May

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1953 11th Worldcon Philadelphia Chairman Attendance 750 GoH Willy Lev Milton Rothman Hugos -Number 1 Fan Personality: Forrest J. Ackerman. Interior Illustrator: Virgil Finlay Cover Artist: Ed Emshwiller & Hannes Bok (tie) Excellence in Fact Articles: Willy Lev New Science Fiction Author or Artist: Philip Jose Farmer Professional Magazine: Galaxy and Astounding Science **Fiction** Novel: The Demolished Man (Alfred Bester) SECon 1954 San Francisco Chairman Attendance 700 GoH John W. Campbell, Jr. Lester Cole & Gary Nelson 1955 Clevention Cleveland Chairman Attendance 380 GoH Issac Asimov Nick & Noreen Falasca Novel: They'd Rather Be Right (Mark Clifton & Frank Hugos — Rilev) Novelette: "The Darfsteller" (Walter M. Miller, Jr.) Short Story: "Allamagoosa" (Eric Frank Russell) Professional Magazine: Astounding Science Fiction Illustrator: Frank Kelly Freas Amateur Publication: Fantasy Times (James V. Taurasi, ed.) 1956 NEWYORCON New York Chairman GoH Arthur C. Clarke Attendance 850 David A. Kyle Hugos -Novel: Double Star (Robert Heinlein) Novelette: "Exploration Team" (Murray Leinster) Short Story: "The Star" (Arthur C. Clarke) Feature Writer: Willy Lev Professional Magazine: Astounding Science Fiction Illustrator: Frank Kelly Freas Most Promising New Author: Robert Silverberg Amateur Publication: Inside & Science Fiction Advertiser (Ron Smith, ed.) Critic: Damon Knight 1957 Chairman Loncon I London GoH John W. Campbell, Jr. Ted Carnell Attendance 268 Professional Magazine, American: Astounding Science Hugos — Fiction Professional Magazine, British: New Worlds Science

Fiction

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Amateur Publication: Science Fiction Times (James V.

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1958 SOLACON Los Angeles Chairman Attendance 322 GoH Richard Matheson Anna S. Moffatt Novel: The Big Time (Fritz Leiber) Hugos -Short Story: "Or All The Seas With Ovsters" (Avram. Davidson) Professional Magazine: Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction Illustrator: Frank Kelly Freas Motion Picture: "The Incredible Shrinking Man" (Richard Matheson) Most Outstanding Actifan: Walter A. Willis 1959 Detention Detroit Chairman Attendance 371 Roger Sims & GoH Paul Anderson (pro) Fred Prophet John Berry (fan) Novel: A Case of Conscience (James Blish) Hugos — Novelette: "The Big Front Yard" (Clifford D. Simak) Short Story: "The Hell-Bound Train" (Robert Bloch) Illustrator: Frank Kelly Freas Professional Magazine: Magazine of Fantasy and Science **Fiction** Amateur Publication: Fanac (Terry Carr & Ron Ellik, Most Promising New Author: Brian W. Aldiss Pittcon 1960 Pittsburgh Chairman GoH James Blish Attendance 568 Dirce Archer Novel: Starship Trooper (Robert Heinlein) Hugos -Short Fiction: "Flowers for Algernan" (Daniel Keves) Professional Magazine: Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction Amateur Publication: Cry of the Nameless (F.M. Busby, ed ) Illustrator: Ed Emshwiller Dramatic Presentation: "The Twilight Zone" (Rod Serling) Special Award: Hugo Gernsback as "the Father of Magazine Science Fiction" 1961 Seacon Seattle Chairman

1961 Seacon Seattle Chairman
Attendance 300 GoH Robert A, Heinlein Wally Weber
Hugos — Novel: A Canticle For Leibowitz (Walter M, Miller, Jr.)
Short Story: "The Longest Voyage" (Poul Anderson)
Professional Magazine: Analog
Amateur Publication: "Who Killed Science Fiction?"
(Earl Kemp, ed.)
Illustrator: Ed Emshwiller
Dramatic Presentation: "The Twilight Zone" (Rod Serling)

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1962 CHICON III Chicago Chairman GoH Theodore Sturgeon Earl Kemp Attendance 550 Novel: Stranger in a Strange Land (Robert Heinlein) Hugos -Short Fiction: The Hothouse Series (Brian W. Aldiss). Professional Magazine: Analog Amateur Magazine: Warhoon (Richard Bergeron, ed.) Professional Artist: Ed Emshwiller Dramatic Presentation: "The Twilight Zone" (Rod Serling) 1963 Discon I Chairman Washington, D.C. George Scithers Attendance 600 GoH Murray Leinster Novel: The Man in the High Castle (Philip K. Dick) Hugos — Short Fiction: "The Dragon Masters" (Jack Vance) Dramatic Award: No Award Professional Magazine: Magazine of Fantasy and Science **Fiction** Amateur Magazine: Xero (Dick Lupoff, ed.) Professional Artist: Roy Krenkel Special Awards: P. Schuvler Miller (for Best Book Reviews) Issac Asimov (for Distinguished Contributions to The Field) Pacificon II 1964 Oakland Chairman Attendance 523 GoH Edmond Hamilton & J. Ben Stark Leigh Brackett (pro) Forrest J. Ackerman (fan) Hugos -Novel: Way Station (Clifford D. Simak) Short Story: "No Truce With Kings" (Poul Anderson) Professional Magazine: Analog Professional Artist: Ed Emshwiller Book Publisher: Ace Books Amateur Publication: Amra (George Scithers, ed.) London 1965 Loncon II Chairman Ella Parker Attendance 350 GoH Brian W. Aldiss Novel: The Wanderer (Fritz Leiber) Hugos -Short Fiction: "Soldier, Ask Not" (Gordon R. Dickson) Professional Magazine: Analog Professional Artist: John Schoenherr Book Publisher: Ballantine Books Amateur Publication: Yandro (Robert & Juanita Coulson, eds.) Dramatic Presentation: "Dr. Strangelove" 1966 Tricon Cleveland Chairman Attendance 850 GoH Sprague de Camp Ben Jason Novel: And Call Me Conrad (Roger Zelazny) tie Hugos -

Dune (Frank Herbert

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Professional Magazine: IF

Professional Artist: Frank Frazetta

Amateur Magazine: *ERB-dom* (Camille Cazedessus, ed.) Best All-Time Series: Foundation Series (Issac Asimov)

1967 Nycon 3 New York Chairman
Attendance 1500 GoH Lester del Rey (pro) Ted White &
Bob Tucker (fan) Dave Van Arnam

Hugos – Novel: The Moon is a Harsh Mistress (Robert Heinlein)

Novelette: "The Last Castle" (Jack Vance) Short Story: "Neutron Star" (Larry Niven) Professional Magazine: *IF* 

Professional Artist: Jack Gaughan

Dramatic Presentation: "The Menagerie" (Star Trek) Amateur Publication: Neikas (Ed Meskys & Felice Rolfe,

eds.)

Fan Artist: Jack Gaughan Fan Writer: Alexei Panshin

1968 Baycon Oakland Chairman
Attendance 1430 GoH Phillip Jose Farmer (pro) Bill Donaho,
Walter Daugherty (fan) Alva Rogers &
J. Ben Stark

Hugos - Novel: Lord of Light (Roger Zelazny)

Novella: "Weyr Search" (Ann McCaffrey) tie "Riders of the Purple Wage" (Phillip Jose Farmer)

Novelette: "Gonna Roll Those Bones" (Fritz Leiber) Short Story: "I Have No Mouth, And I Must Scream" (Harlan Ellison)

Dramatic Presentation: "City on the Edge of Forever" (Harlan Ellison; Star Trek)

Professional Magazine: IF

Professional Artist: Jack Gaughan

Amateur Publication: Amra (George Scithers, ed.)

Fan Artist: George Barr Fan Writer: Ted White

1969 St. Louiscon St. Louis Chairman
Attendance 1534 GoH Jack Gaughan (pro) Ray & Joyce Fisher
Eddie Jones (TAFF/fan)

Hugos – Novel: Stand on Zanzibar (John Brunner) Novella: "Nightwings" (Robert Silverberg)

Novelette: "The Sharing of Flesh" (Poul Anderson) Short Story: "The Beast That Shouted Love At The Heart

Of The World" (Harlan Ellison)

Drama: "2001 - A Space Odyssey"

Professional Magazine: Magazine of Fantasy and Science

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1970 Heicon '70 Chairman Heidelberg International Manfred Kage

Attendance 620 GoH Robert Silverberg (U.S.) E.C. Tubb (U. K.)

Herbert W. Franke (Ger.) Elliot K. Shorter (TAFF)

Hugos -Novel: The Left Hand of Darkness (Ursula K. LeGuin)

Novella: "Ship of Shadows" (Fritz Leiber)

Short Story: "Time Considered As A Helix of Semi-Precious Stones" (Samuel R. Delany)

Dramatic Presentation: Television coverage of 'Apollo XI' Professional Magazine: Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Amateur Magazine: Science Fiction Review (Dick Geis, ed.)

Fan Writer: Bob Tucker Fan Artist: Tim Kirk

1971 Noreascon Boston Chairman GoH Clifford D. Simak (pro) Tony Lewis Attendance 1600

Harry Warner Jr. (fan)

Novel: Ringworld (Larry Niven) Hugos —

Novella: "Ill Met in Lankhmar" (Fritz Leiber)

Dramatic Presentation: No Award Professional Artist: Leo & Diane Dillon

Professional Magazine: Magazine of Fantasy and Science

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Amateur Magazine: Locus (Charles & Dena Brown, eds.)

Fan Writer: Dick Geis Fan Artist: Alicia Austin

Chairman 1972 L.A. Con Los Angeles Attendance 2007 GoH Frederick Pohl (pro) Charles Crane & Robert & Juanita Bruce Pelz

Coulson (fan)

Novel: To Your Scattered Bodies Go (Phillip Jose Farmer) Hugos -Novella: "The Queen of Air and Darkness" (Poul Anderson)

> Short Story: "Inconstant Moon" (Larry Niven) Dramatic Presentation: "A Clockwork Orange"

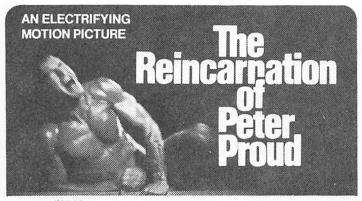
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Hugos - Novel: The Gods Themselves (Issac Asimov)

Novella: "The Word for World is Forest" (Ursula K. Le

Novelette: "Goat Song" (Poul Anderson)

Short Story: "Eurema's Dam" (R.A. Lafferty) tie
"The Meeting" (Fred Pohl & Cyril Kornbluth)

Dramatic Presentation: "Slaughter-House 5"

Editor: Ben Bova

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Amateur Magazine: Energumen (Michael & Susan Glicksohn)

Fan Writer: Terry Carr Fan Artist: Tim Kirk

John W. Campbell Award: Jerry Pournelle

1974 Discon II Washington D.C. Chairman
Attendance 4000 GoH Roger Zelazny (pro) Jay & Alice
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Novella: "The Girl Who Was Plugged In" (James Tiptree)

Novelette: "Deathbird" (Harlan Ellison)

Short Story: "The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas"

Amateur Magaine: Algol, tie
The Alien Critic tie

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas Professional Editor: Ben Bova Dramatic Presentation: "Sleeper" Fan Writer: Susan Wood

Fan Writer: Susan Wood Fan Artist: Tim Kirk

John W. Campbell Award: Spider Robinson tie Lisa Tuttle tie

Gandalf Award: J.R.R. Tolkein

1975 Aussiecon Melbourne Chairman
Attendance 7 Gold Ursula K. Le Guin (pro) Bobio Johnson

GoH Ursula K. Le Guin (pro) Robin Johnson Susan Wood & Michael

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by Mervyn Barrett

When I lived in Melbourne, Captain Cook's cottage was where the Myer Music Bowl is now, and if you wanted to go out to Coburg by tram via Hawthorn, the journey could take several days, and even then you mightn't get there. The Melbourne Science Fiction Club was in Somerset Place, a narrow back alley which in those days walked (a quieter time, when streets never 'ran' anywhere) fifty yards in from Little Bourke Street and then stopped. Mervyn Binns had talked McGill's Bookstore into giving us the top floor of their warehouse and we had, and had room for, a duplicator, bookshelves, a home-made, non-regulation-sized ping-pong table (an ideal collating surface), a few rows of old cinema seats, and lots of science fiction fans. On a mezzanine floor up above the rafters was a room containing three toilet cubicles and a washbasin.

In those days the Crown and all things best and British were revered. That a Union Jack which we found in the rafters was hung from a clubroom window for the duration of a visit by Queen Elizabeth even though we knew that Somerset Place wasn't one of the streets chosen for the royal procession is, I think, a fair indication of our loyalty and the strength of our patriotic feelings.

There was more law and order in those days, too. The State's Attorney General practically worked himself  originally published in Sam Long's QWERTYUIOP 8.

to death keeping everything pure and upright by suppressing any book or film that he thought might outrage public decency or damage public morals, even though anything that reached Victoria had already passed through the fine net of Commonwealth censorship. 'Victoria has certain standards,' he would say. This, of course, was before his wife died in mysterious circumstances and he went off to Sydney after deciding quite objectively — he was in charge of the police and public prosecutor's office - that there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding his wife's death and therefore no need for an autopsy or an investigation.

Some time earlier, long before I went to live there and long before the Melbourne Science Fiction Club nearly burnt down, they'd cut Moorabbin Airport in half and put half of it down by Albert Lake with the idea that an airport with seaplane facilities close to a major city would put them so far ahead in the aviation game that they'd probably get a lot of business then going to Orly or Croydon, World War II interfered with this project, though, and so in order to recoup some of their money the western runway was sold for housing lots and became the suburbs of Prahan and St Kilda. What was left was grassed over and called Albert Park, and the main hanger was filled with ping-pong tables one could rent by the hour still can, I would think - and there

my girlfriend Jill and I would go sometimes on a Sunday afternoon, stopping first at the truck that retailed freshly cooked hot donuts which we'd eat and wash down with coffee from the ping-pongery buffet before touching bat to ball. Sometimes John Foyster came with us, and once or twice Dick Jenssen.

Dick Jenssen considered himself club champion at ping-pong, chess, and just about everything else, but I think that John Foyster could have, and probably did, in fact legitimately dispute this. And besides, John had status as a PUBLISHING Giant. Dick, though, always bought two copies of books and magazines, one to read and one for his shelves (often rebinding the shelf volume, which is a fairly one-up thing to do).

The clubroom was on the top floor. and in those days it was reached by a hydraulic lift one worked by pulling on a rope. (McGill's didn't like us tracking through their offices on the in-between floors.) It was a fairly rudimentary kind of lift, with no cage door, back wall, or roof: just a floor, two sides, and a beam across the top to which the cables were attached. Don Lattimer had a good trick he would play with this lift. When someone below called out for the lift, Don would get in it, start it down, then cling to the side of the lift shaft and let the cage go down without him. The unsuspecting fan would get into the lift, start it up, and be surprised in mid-journey by a great shrieking thing dropping from nowhere onto the floor beside him.

Besides being able to play jokes in lift shafts, Don's more significant claim to fame was being an original member of the MSFC and in being the club's bookbinder. He bound the library's paperbacks into hard bindings, and bound volumes of SF magazines. He bound books for

members too, to order, rebinding Pogo or Oz books in elegant new bindings with exotic endpapers to suit the tastes of their owners.

If you walked at dusk from Jolimont up to Spring Street through the Fitzrov Gardens, the possums, coming down from their trees to begin their night's work of staring at people, would come over to eat off your hand (if you weren't careful) and then, if instead of continuing up Spring Street toward the Scientology Centre or the exhibition buildings, you turned left at the Treasury buildings and walked down Collins Street, with a bit of luck you'd get to Exhibition Street and the Southern Cross Hotel, which is where the 1975 Worldcon will be held

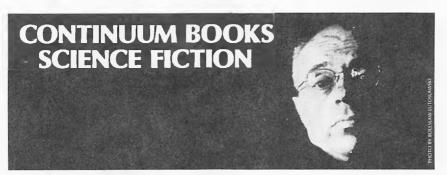
The Southern Cross has a bowling alley, and Alan Perry was probably the first person to get his thumb stuck in one of their bowling balls, ("Mervyn, I've got my thumb caught in the bowling ball.") Alan Perry's connection with fandom is that he is the friend of a fan and he stopped at the Southern Cross soon after it opened. He didn't think much of the breakfasts - let's hope they've improved. One of the Southern Cross's greatest assets used to be that it was only a five-minute walk from the Mee Wah cafe. The Mee Wah had the greatest Chinese food outside of Hong Kong that I've ever eaten. (Try the Chinese sausage, the scallops cooked in batter and served in sweet and sour sauce, the sliced steak in black bean sauce.) There was one trouble. though. If the sight of men wielding large sharp knives made you nervous. you didn't go to the toilet there. To get to the toilet you had to pass through the kitchen, where a kitchen staff of unemployed dacoits, resting up between assasinations, kept themselves in practice by whittling slivers from the sides of beef at a frightening speed and with deadly accuracy.

There was one friend of ours, not a fan, who used to come to the film shows in the club because they were fun. (We'd drag along as many of our friends as possible and charge them admission to defray the expense of renting films.) It was a semi-partyish atmosphere, Most everyone would bring a bottle, and drinks were traded and shared while the movies played. She even discharged herself from the hospital one night to come over to one of our screenings. She just put a coat on over her nightgown and walked out. We were screening 'Metropolis' that night. Some time later she told me that while the movie was going on, her boyfriend another non-fan we'd roped in - had taken her upstairs into one of the toilet cubicles for some fast vertical sex. No one disturbed them. Us true fans were all downstairs watching a robot that looked like Brigette Helm being cooked up inside a glass tube! I don't want you to think from all this that the MSFC was made up of a bunch of debauched alcoholics or sex fiends - it wasn't, What I'm trying to point up is that in those days in Melbourne, when the pubs still closed at 6pm., people were more prepared to make their own amusements.

Anyhow, it was because of the activities of the film group that the Melbourne Science Fiction Club almost got burnt down. I'd started the group and used to run it: hustling films and running the little Ampro 16mm projector. When I left, Paul Stevens took over the group and did all sorts of enterprising things like renting proper cinemas so that 35mm films could be shown and stuff like that. Then, some time later, when an enthusiast who happened to own a couple of 35mm film projectors joined the club, they installed these in the clubroom and started showing classic old movies - some of them on nitrate film. Mervyn Binns had complete confidence in the projectionist

and the equipment. 'This guy really knew what he was doing,' he told me, but the introduction of nitrate film into the clubroom was just too much for one of the members, who had the clubroom inspected by the Health Department and closed down as a fire hazard. Admittedly nitrate film has one or two unfortunate characteristcs like becoming unstable with age and being just plain highly inflammable and becoming downright explosive. But even when this is coupled with the fact that the clubroom was on the top floor of a 90year-old brick building with wooden floors, roof, ceilings, and staircases, that it had no fire escape, and that its only entrance was through a narrow wooden staircase (which McGill's grudgingly allowed to be used when the lift was finally taken out of commission when the Melbourne Water Board decided it was no longer an economical proposition to go to the trouble of supplying compressed water for it), one still has difficulty seeing the the reason for his excessive nervousness.

Soon after this, Mervyn Binns left McGill's and opened Space Age Books in Swanston Street, but that's another story and someone else can tell that one. What I've tried to do is tell you something about Melbourne as it was then. Before I started writing this, I went along to Oz House here in London and got a pamphlet titled 'Interesting Facts about Victoria' (which I suspect and hope must have a companion volume titled 'Boring Facts' about Victoria') and a map. The map just made me more confused. Melbourne doesn't seen to look the way it used to at all. So, when you see me at the Con in Melbourne, buy me a drink and say 'hullo' and I'll buy you a drink and say 'hullo', but if you want to get anywhere, don't ask me for directions: ask a policeman. There's no mistaking the policeman they're dressed up just like brass band musicians



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Alan began reading SF in 1964. His first regional was the 1965 Disclave. He has been a member of WSFA since 1965, and has served as a Trustee and Vice-President, Alan's first Worldcon was Tricon in 1966. He was a member of BSFS from 1965 to 1969. Alan was Program Co-ordinator for DISCON II.

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Bill is a member of First Fandom. He has been reading SF since 1929. He began collecting it in 1933 and published his first fanzine in 1941 with Damon Knight. Bill has been a member of FAPA since 1942, with a three year gap, and has been Pres., V-P, and Sectreas. of FAPA. His first Worldcon was Seacon in 1961. Bill was Treasurer of DISCON I & II. He co-authored, with Ron Ellik, The Universes of E.E. Smith.

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Applesauce began reading fantasy in 1960, following her entry into fandom in 1973, she became known almost over-night as the instigator of "Lime Jello Fandom". Her first regional was Lunacon in 1974. She has been to six regionals in the past year and is plotting how to get to eight more before 1976 beings. Applesusan helped on DISCON II as a 'go-for'. She is Acting Sec. of WSFA.

#### Bill Hixon Vice-Chair for Vice

Bill has been reading SF since 1955 and collecting it since 1961. He published his first fanzine in 1963. Bill's first Worldcon was Chicon in 1962 and his first regional was Midwescon in 1963. He was a Troubleshooter for DISCON II. Bill is currently co-editor of *The WSFA Journal*.

#### Ron Bounds Special Assistant

Ron discovered fandom in 1964, attending both Pacificon II and Phillycon that year. He began reading and collecting SF in 1957. He made a madcap foray into Diplomacy fandom, publishing a diplomacy mag, *Orhanc*, for the N3F gamesbureau. He was the Vice-Chairperson of DISCON II, and has been on regional committees for Disclaves and Balticons. Bounder was V-P and Trustee for WSFA and has held every office in BSFS. He has been to every Worldcon but one since 1964. Ron is currently a member of APA L and publishes *Discontinuity*.

#### Bob Madle Huckster Room

Bob began reading and collecting SF in 1929. He helped form PSFS in 1935 and was one of the 16 attendees at what became known as the first SF convention, in Philadelphia in 1936. Bob has been an active convention attendee and huckster ever since. He has held numerous offices in such groups as First Fandom (President from 1958 to present), Carolina SF Society, PSFS and WSFA. He was nominated for the 1956 Feature Writing Hugo for his column 'Inside Science Fiction', a regular department in *SF Quarterly* and *Future Fiction*. In 1957 he was the first American to travel to Europe as a TAFF delegate. Bob is a Knight of St. Fantony. He was the Chairman of Southeast Conferences I & II. He received the E.E. Evans Big Heart Award in 1974.

#### Bob Pavlat Art Show

Bob started reading SF in 1936. His first Worldcon was Philcon I in 1947. He joined FAPA in 1950. He has been a continuous member since and has held every office in FAPA. Bob was a co-founder of the Washington Science Fiction Association (WSFA). He discovered and perpetuated the Nuclear Fizz. He edited and published the *Fanzine Index* (a listing of all fanzines up to 1952); currently he is in the process of publishing *FAPA Book*, a complete index of FAPA mailings with historical notes. Bob was Disclave Director in the early 1950's and on the Committee for DISCONs I & II. He was Art Show Director for DISCON II. He is a member of First Fandom and a Knight of St. Fantony.

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Dick began reading SF in 1945. His first regional was Philco in 1950. His first Worldcon was Nycon II in 1956. He compiled and published *Fancyclopedia II* and *A Sense of FAPA*. Dick was on the Committee for DISCON I and worked on DISCON II. He has been a member for FAPA since 1951 and has held the offices of Official Editor and Vice-President. He has been a member of SWFA since 1950 and was organizer of the first Disclave in the early 1950's. He has been a member of SAPS since 1950 and was O-E. He was Official Arbiter of The Cult, and has published 100 issues of *Stupefying Stories*. Dick is a Patron Friend of LASFAS and a Kt. of St. Fantony.

#### Don Pauley Hotel Liaison

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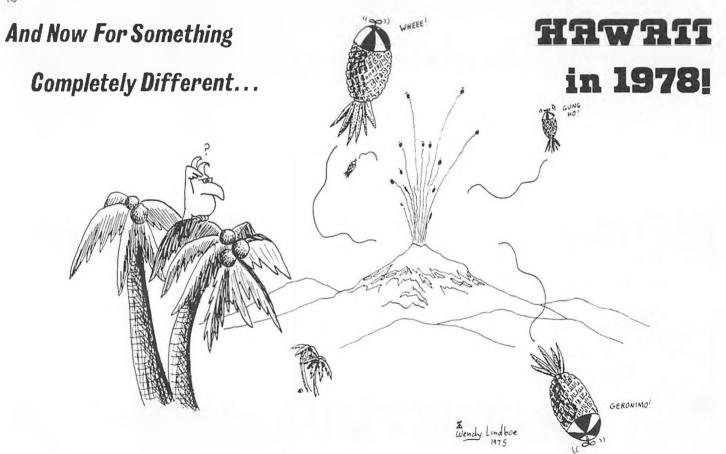
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Melbourne University SF Association	3rd. floor, Union House, Melbourne University, PARKVILLE	Discussion meetings, library, fanzine production (irregular), bistro nights, film showing (occasionally).	Alan Wilson, Phone: (03) 341 5451 (day time).
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Sydney Science Fiction Foundation	128 Hereford Street, Glebe, SYDNEY 8.00 p.m. on the first	Discussion of SF, convention organizing, fanzine production, social	Sec/Treasurer: Shayne McCormack, Phone: (02) 729 666

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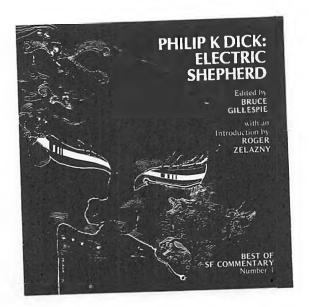
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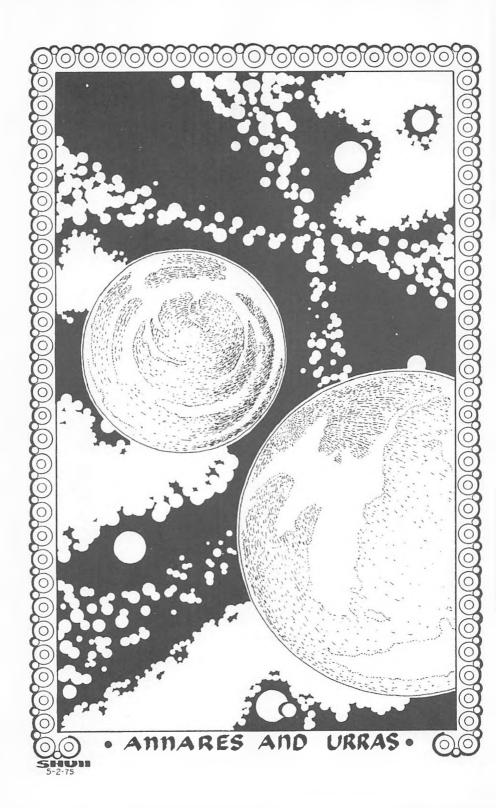
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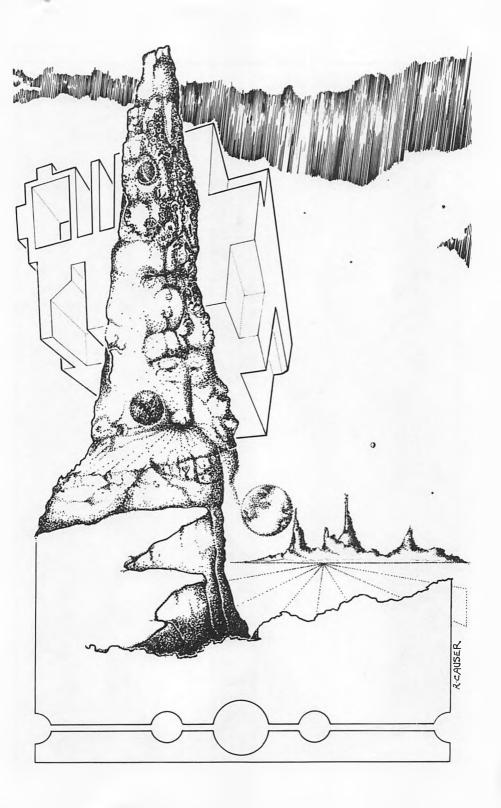
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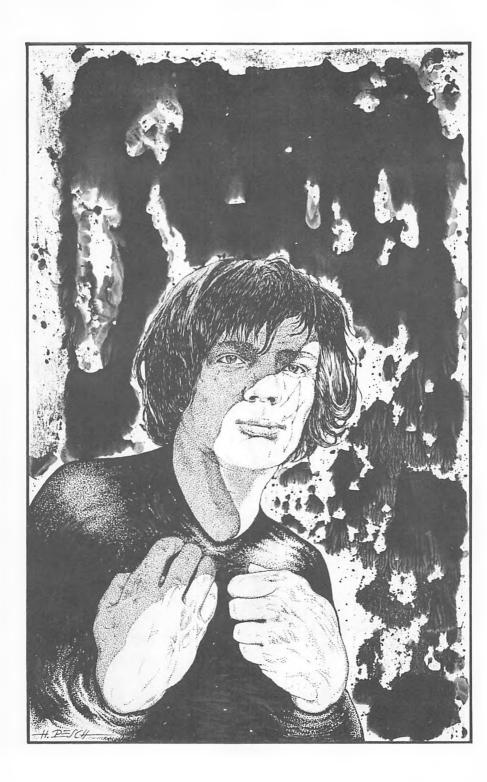
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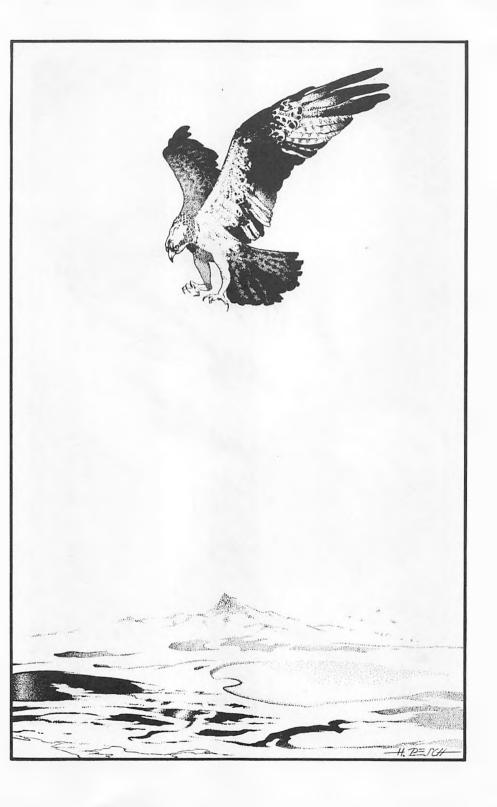




















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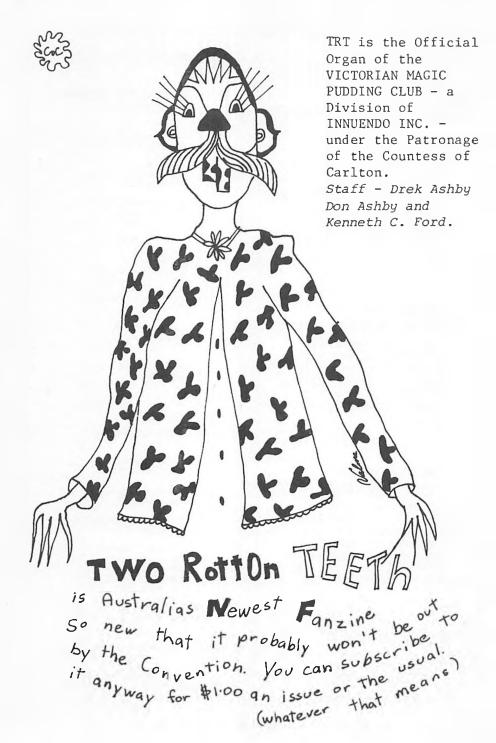
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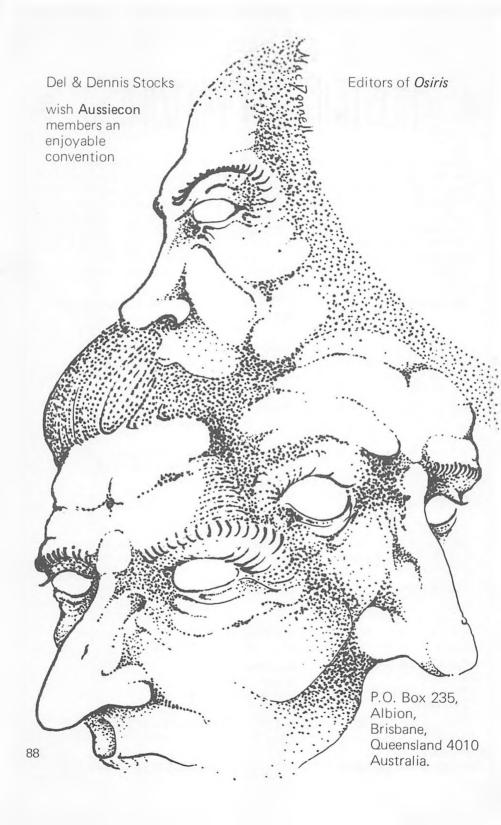
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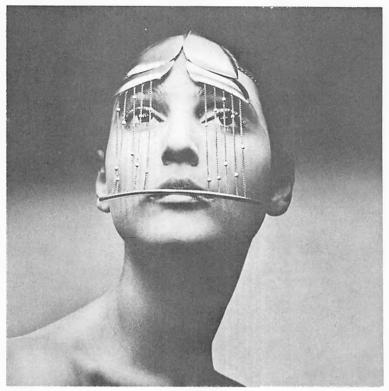
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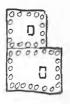
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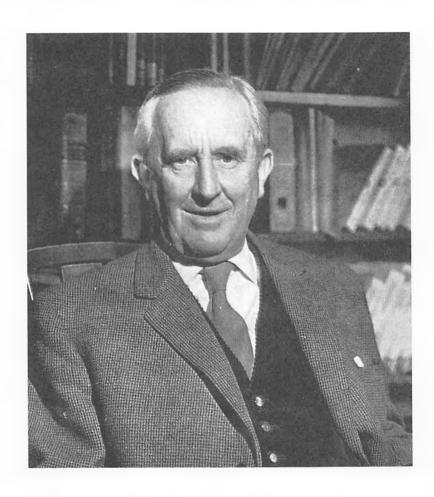
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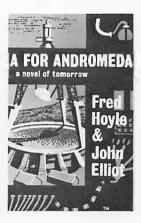
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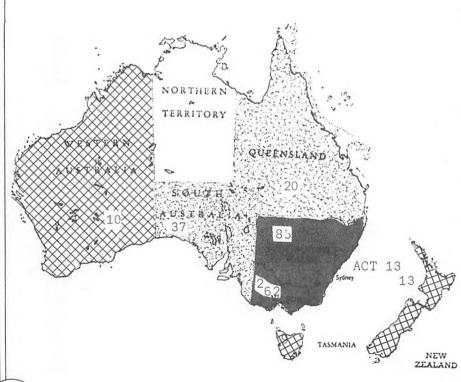


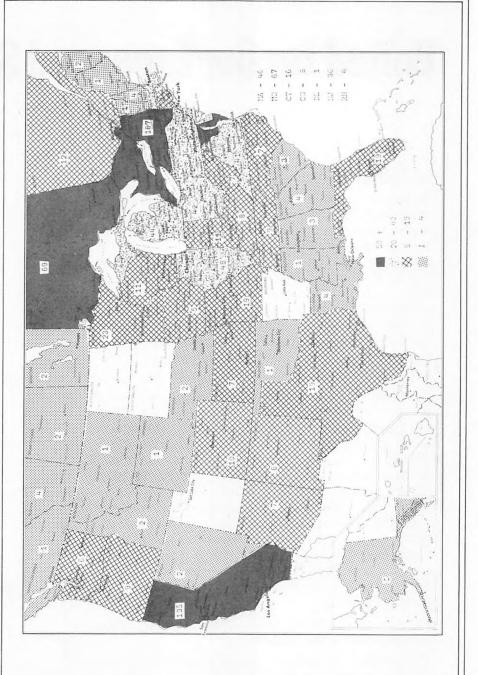
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There will be three business meetings of the 33rd World Science Fiction Convention

- (a) A Preliminary Business Meeting to be held on Friday marning August 15th commencing at 10,00 am. This meeting will decide how the convention wants to deal with the question of ratifying the Constitution approved at DISCON 2, and also will seek to regularise (by agree ment among the parties) motions submitted which might have the same broad intent.
- (b) The Main Business Session to be held on Saturday morning August 16th commencing at 10:00 am. This meeting will be restricted to business decided upon at the Preliminary Business Meeting.
- (c) A Special Meeting to be held on Sunday morning August 17th commencing at 10.00 am. for the purpose of selecting a site of the 1977 World Science Piction Convention.

The meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules or Order. Revised, as interpreted by the Parliamen tarian, except where these rules are clearly in contradiction to parliamentary practice in Australia or in contravention of the following Special Rules.

- All motions, resolutions or other items to be presented for a vote of the convention membership at the Satur day business session must be submitted in written form, together with a written second, before or during the Friday preliminary intenting—at which meeting such motions, resolutions and other items may be amalgam ated, modified or otherwise dealt with by agreement among the parties, or by adjudication, in such a way as to enable a formal Agenda to be drawn up for the main business session on Saturday.
- Motions, resolutions or other items will not be accrual after the conclusion of the preliminary business. Leting
- In debate, members are requested to conform to the following guidelines
  - 3.1 Amendments to formal motions may be moved, but only in such a way as to preserve the broad intent of the original motion in each case.
  - 3.2 Because the form of each motion is decided at the preliminary business meeting, the text may not be changed at the main business session merely at the behest of the mover.
  - 3.3 Subject to rulings from the Chair, each member is entitled to speak only once to a substatutive motion, and only once to each amendment, save that the person recognized by the Chair as the mover of a substantive motion shall have a right of reply after debate on that motion has ceased and immediately before a vote is taken.
  - 3.4 It shall be the responsibility of the mover of each amendment to ensure that the Chairman has a typed or written copy thereof during debate on the amendment.
  - 3.5 It is permissible during debate on an amendment for a speaker to foreshadow a further amendment should the amendment under discussion be ensured or default.
  - 3.6 An amendment to an amendment, or an amendment which negates the broad intent of an original motion, shall not be moved.
  - 3.7 A point of order shall relate only to matters dealt with in these guidelines, or to speakers who stray from the subject.
  - 3.8 A point of information may be raised only if germane to the matter under discussion.
  - 3.9 Procedural motions shall be restricted to the following:
    (i) "That the question (... or an amendment...) be now
  - put."
    The Chairman may refuse to accept this motion if he feels that there has been insufficient debate on the question under discussion. If he does accept it, he must put it immediately. If the procedural.

motion is carried, debate is closed off and the matt

matter is put to a vote forthwith. If the procedural

motion is lost, debate continues until the Chairman himself puts the matter to a vote.

- (ii) "That the speaker to be longer heard". The Chairman has the option of accepting or denying this procedural motion, but he does not need such a motion in order to control debate on any question.
- (iii) "That the Chairman's ruling be disagreed with." The Chairman must accept this motion and put it immediately. If carried, the matter in dispute is referred to the Parliamentarian whose decision is final. If lost, the Chairman is vindicated, having the support of the meeting.
- 4. The Charman shall ensure, so far as is practicable, that business is dealt with according to times noted on the Agenda. The prerogatives of the Chairman include the right to interrupt, silence or set time limits on speakers, and, in extreme cases, to eject members from the meeting. He may also delete items from the Agenda or idefer them to a supplementary business meeting, at his discretion. The Chairman may delegate any or all of his functions except the power of delegation, and may refer disputes to the Parliamentarian whose decision is final.

The business of AUSSIECON is conducted pursant to the Rules of the World Science Fiction Society as they were approved at Torcon 2, with minor exceptions including the definition of the Hugo "Novel" category which was mis interpreted by Torcon in the process of ratifying L.A. Con amendments. The corrected Rules appear below.

BILL WRIGHT

AUSSIECON PARLIAMENTARIAN

AUSSIECON operates under the Rules of the WSFS, Uninc. as they were at the time we won our bud. We have in addition accepted as part of our Rules the portion of the new Rules as printed in our Progress Report 3, that permiss Committee members to stand in nomination for the Hugo Awards unless they are members of a specially delegated sub-committee for the purpose of administering the Awards. Ratification of the revised rules produced at DISCON II will be discussed at the Business Session. Copies of the revised rules will be available to members at this session.

#### OFFICIAL WSFS RULES

Article 1: - Objectives

- 1.01 The World Science Fiction Society is an unincorporated literary society whose functions are: to choose the recipients of the annual Science Fiction Achievement Awards, known as the Hugos, to choose the location for the Annual World Science Fiction Convention, and to attend the annual World Science Fiction Convention.
- 1.02 The membership of the World Science Fiction Society at any time consists of all those who have paid membership dues to the then current convention committee.
- 1.03 The management and responsibility for all phases of the annual World Science Fiction Convention lies entirely with the convention committee, which acts in its own name, not that of the Society. The convention committee which puts on the convention is, of course, the committee whose bid for selection of its location is accepted by the annual meeting of the Society.

Article 2: - Hugo Awards

- 2.01 The selection of the Science Fiction Achievement Awards, nicknamed Hugos, will be made as follows:
- 2.02 BEST NOVEL: A science fiction or fantasy story of 40000 words or more, appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year. A work originally published in a language other than English shall be also eligible in the year it is first issued in English translation, and an author may withdraw a version from consideration if he feels that version is not representative of what he wrote. A story, once it has appeared in English, may thus be eligible only once. Publication date, or cover date in the case of a dated mag

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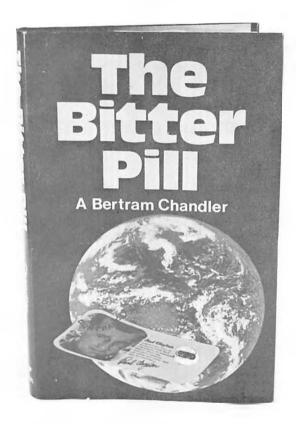
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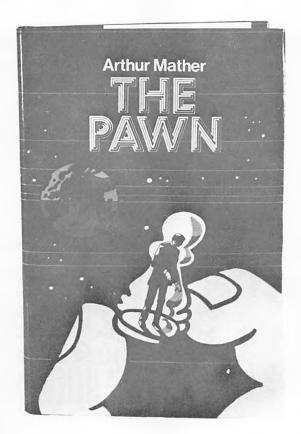
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2.08 BEST PROFESSIONAL EDITOR. The editor of any professional publication devoted primarily to science fiction or fantasy appearing in the previous calendar year.

2.09 BEST AMATEUR MAGAZINE: Any generally available non-professional magazine devoted to science fiction, fantasy or related subjects, which has published 4 or more issues prior to December 31st, at least one issue of which appeared in the previous calendar year.

2.10 BEST FAN WRITER: Any fan whose writing has appeared during the previous calendar year in a magazine of the type defined under section 2.09.

2.11 BEST FAN ARTIST: An artist or cartoonist whose work has appeared during the previous calendar year, through publication in magazines of the type defined under Article 2.09 or through other public display. Anyone whose name appears on the final ballot for a given year under the professional artist category will not be eligible for the fan artist award for that year.

2.12 Additional Categories: Not more than two special categories may be created by the convention committee with normation and final voting to be the same as for the other, permanent categories. The convention committee is not required to create any such categories; they should be held to a minimum, and those created by one convention committee are not binding on following committees. Awards under those categories will be Science Fiction Achievement Awards or Hugos.

2.13 The name and design shall not be extended to any other award whatsoever.

2.14 No Award: At the discretion of the individual convention committee, if the lack of nominations or final votes in a specific category shows a marked lack of interest in that category on the part of the voters, the award in that category shall be cancelled for that year. In addition, the entry NO AWARD shall be mandatory in each and every category of the Hugos on the final ballot. This applies both to permanent categories and those which the individual convention committees establish on a temporary basis.

2.15 Nominations and voting: Selection of nominees for the final award voting shall be done by a poll conducted by the convention committee under rules determined by the committee. Final award voting shall be by mail, with ballots sent only to Society members. Final ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership numbers, to be filled in. Final ballots shall standardize alternatives given in each category to not more than five. Assignment of nominees nominated in more than one category to their proper one and eligibility of nominees shall be determined by the convention committees. Voters shall indicate the order of their preference for nominees in each category.

2.16 Tallying Counting of all votes shall be the responsibility of the convention committee, which is responsible for all matters concerning awards. In each category votes shall be first tallied by the voter's first choice. In the event no majority vote is then obtained, the nominee placing last will be eliminated and the ballots listing him as first choice redistributed on the basis of the ballots' second

listed choice. The process will be repeated until a majority vote winner is obtained.

2.17 No member of the then current convention committee nor any publication closely connected with them shall be eligible for an award.

2.18 The Hugo Award will continue to be standardized as to the design of the rocket ship on the model presently in use. The design of the base is up to each convention committee.

#### Article 3: - World Science Fiction Conventions

3.01 Conventions. The Society shall choose the site for the annual World Science Fiction Convention two years in advance at a business meeting to be held at an advertised time, during each annual World Science Fiction Convention, presided over by the chairman of the then current convention committee, or by someone designated by the committee The business meeting shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, and such other rules as the then current committee may publish in the programme book

3.02 To assure an equitable distribution of convention sites, the North American continent is divided into three geographical divisions, as follows

Western Division ... New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, and states and provinces westward, and Baja Californi

Central Division ... All Mexico except Baja California and all states and provinces between the Western and Eastern divisions.

Eastern Division ... Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Quebec and states and provinces easter ward, also St. Pierre and Miquelon, Bermuda, and the Bahamas, and all islands of the Carribean Sea not previously included in this region, and other islands similarly situated.

3.03 Convention sites shall be rotated among those divisions in the Biowing order: Central, East, West. Any site outside North America may bid for a WorldCon in any year. The bids of locations to hold a convention shall only be considered if they lie within the geographical division whose turn its, except that the rule of rotation may be set aside be a vote of three fourths voting, with the provision that in no case except that of sites outside North America may two successive conventions be in the same division. In the event of such setting aside, rotation shall be resumed the following year, with the out of rotation bid superseding the proper geographical zone for that rotation cycle only.

3.04 By bidding, a convention committee promises to abide by this constitution. Proposed date and dues for the next convention must be announced by bidding committee before site selection. Such proposals are subject to modification by the business meeting.

3.05 In the event the society is without a properly selecte location for the next annual convention because of the resignation of the then-current convention committee or other cause, the five most recent committee chairman willing to serve shall be authorized to select the next location for the World Science Fiction Convention.

3.06. Voting for sites of World Science Fiction Conventions shall be limited to members of the current convention whave paid at least \$2.00 towards the dues of the convention to be voted upon. Eligible members may vote either by attending the site selection business meeting or by mail. The committee in charge of the convention at which the site is to be chosen shall be responsible for the mechanics of the mail balloting, and they shall be guided in their responsibility by the mechanisms of the various professional societies which regularly hold balloting by mail

3.07 By bidding, a cm, ention committee promises that the cost of conversion from a supporting membership tax attending membership shall be finited to no more than the difference between the cost of attending and supporting membership at the time of conversion. If supporting memberships are not available at the time of the convention the most recent rate for supporting memberships shall be used for computation of this firm.

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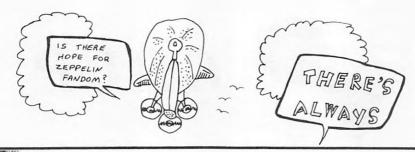
- 4.02 Any proposal to amend the rules of the Society shall require for passage only a majority of all the votes cast on the question, except that a proposal to regent any such action of the immediately previous business session shall require for passage three quarters of the votes cast.
- 4.03. All previous by laws, institutions, and resolutions having the effects of by laws and constitutions of the World Science Fiction Society are revoked.
- 4.04. The rules of the Winth Science Fiction Society is decided in the business meetings shall be printed by the World Science Fiction Convention Committee, and distributed with the Haipi normaliton hallots, and hopefully printed in the programme book.
- By Friday 13th June, 1975 the following proposed amendments to the Rules of the World Science Fiction Society had been received.
- (Moved by Freil Patteri, Aussiecon Member No. 21 and seconded by Bruce Pelz, Member No. 110)
  - That the fourth sentence of Article 2.15, Hugo Nommations and Voting, shall be revised to read:

- "In the final ballot, members shall be asked to indicate birst, second and so on for each eategory among not more than 5 nominess fortes are first more actions for the fifth nomined into No Award."
- [Moved by Peter Darling Aussiecon Member No. 34 and seconded by Atlan Sandercock, Member No. 17).
  - a) Article 4.05 shall be added to read as follows.
  - "Before any change in the Rules of the World Science Fiction Society can be considered to be bridged by a future conventions committees, it must be ratified by a simple majority of members present and voting at the World Convention immediately following that at which the change was approved, save that nothing in the fore going shall prevent the committee responsible for the convention at which ratification is to be considered from adopting the Rule change in the conduct of its own affairs it it so describe.
  - b) Article 4.01 of the World Science Fiction Society Rules shall be amended by the addition of the words, "subject to ratification as provided by Article 4.05."

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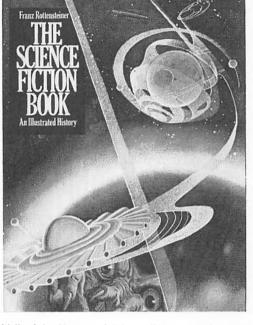


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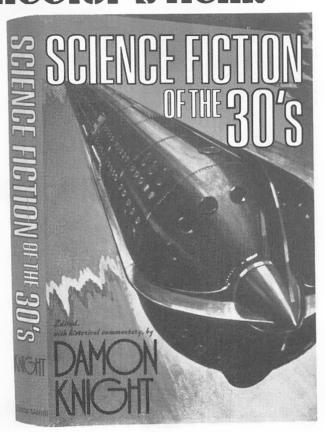
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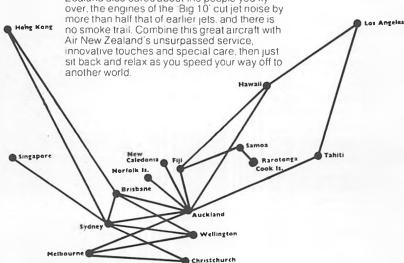
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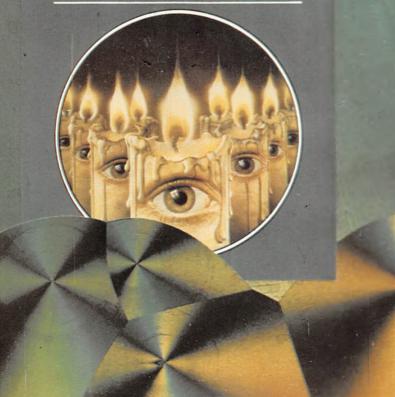
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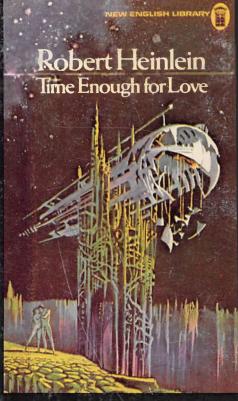
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